

ALLOCATION POLICY 2020/21

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1. OVERVIEW

The University of Essex has approved this allocation policy, which provides specified categories of students with a guarantee of accommodation or a priority for accommodation as long as the applicant meets the stated conditions.

Should the number of applicants exceed the number of available rooms, Accommodation Essex will seek to secure additional accommodation from third party providers in order to meet the guarantees and priorities as set out in this policy. Third party accommodation will be off campus and will meet the standards set by either the Student Accommodation Accreditation Scheme or the ANUK code.

Should the number of applicants exceed the number of available rooms, Accommodation Essex may also accommodate applicants in temporary twin rooms on campus until permanent rooms becomes available.

Our approach is to prioritise accommodation guarantees for students in their first year of study at the University. This means that if you had an allocation of University owned or administered accommodation in the previous academic year that commenced before the end of the autumn term and ended after the start of the summer term, we will not be able to offer you a guarantee of accommodation.

2. NEW UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

If you are a new, full time student commencing your studies in the autumn term and have not previously lived in the accommodation for a full academic year, you are guaranteed accommodation provided you meet the following conditions;

- You need to submit an application for accommodation by the published guarantee deadline date
- The University of Essex must be your firm choice
- You must have an unconditional firm (UF) or a conditional firm (CF) academic offer when you apply for accommodation
- Applicants must have satisfied any outstanding conditions and achieved unconditional firm (UF) status by no later than 5pm on the Friday after the guarantee deadline date
- You must accept your offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter.

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3. NEW UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

If you will be under the age of 18 when your course commences, you are guaranteed accommodation provided you meet the following conditions;

- You need to submit an application for accommodation by the published guarantee deadline date
- The University of Essex is your firm choice
- You must have an unconditional firm (UF) or a conditional firm (CF) academic offer when you apply for accommodation
- Applicants must have satisfied any outstanding conditions and achieved unconditional firm (UF) status by no later than 5pm on the Friday after the guarantee deadline date
- You must accept your offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter.

Students under the age of 18 are not always able to apply for accommodation before the guarantee deadline date. Therefore, a limited number of rooms will be held beyond the deadline date and offered to late applicants until all such rooms are allocated.

4. UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE (UEIC) STUDENTS

4.1. Full Year Autumn Term Entry

Students apply for accommodation directly to UEIC, who process all applications.

- You need to submit an application for accommodation to UEIC by the published guarantee deadline date
- Applicants must have satisfied any outstanding academic conditions by the required deadline date
- You must accept your offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter

4.2. Part Year Spring Term Entry

UEIC students intending to commence their studies in the Spring term, and who will be under the age of 18 when their course commences, are guaranteed accommodation, provided you meet the following conditions;

- You submit an application for accommodation by the published deadline date for Spring start students, usually the first Monday following the end of the Autumn term
- Applicants must have satisfied any outstanding academic conditions by the required deadline date
- You accept your offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter

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5. NEW STUDENTS PART YEAR SPRING TERM ENTRY

A quota of rooms will be made available to all other Spring start applicants, who will be allocated rooms until all available rooms are filled. Applicants must meet the following conditions;

- You apply by the deadline date
- Applicants must have satisfied any outstanding academic conditions by the required deadline date
- You accept your offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter

6. NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

If you are a full time Northwest University Partnership student starting your Essex Campus studies, you are guaranteed accommodation provided you meet the following conditions;

- You need to submit an application for accommodation by the published guarantee deadline date
- You must accept your offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter

7. ESSEX ABROAD - INCOMING STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS

7.1. Full Year Autumn Term Entry

If you will be studying at Essex for the full year, commencing in the autumn term, you are guaranteed accommodation provided you meet the following conditions;

- You apply by the guarantee deadline date
- You accept your offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter.

7.2. Part Year Autumn Term Entry and Part Year Spring Term Entry

A quota of rooms will be made available to part year Autumn and Spring start applicants, who will be allocated rooms until all available rooms are filled. Applicants must meet the following conditions;

- You apply by the deadline date
- You accept your offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter

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The quota of rooms will be filled according to the following priority;

1. Study Abroad International (i.e. overseas fee paying status) students
2. Study Abroad EU fee paying students
3. Non EU Exchange students
4. Erasmus students

8. STUDENTS WITH INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

8.1. New Students

You will be asked on the accommodation application form if you have specific accommodation requirements due to your individual needs, such as mobility impairment or because you are a care leaver. If you let us know about your specific needs, we will liaise with Student Support to make sure you are offered the right type of accommodation. Please click on the following links for further information

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/life/accommodation/how-to-apply/students-with-individual-needs>

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/student/access-and-disability/impairment>

8.2. Returning Students

If you are a returning undergraduate student and need to live in University owned or administered accommodation due to your individual needs, such as mobility impairment, you are a care leaver or you are under the age of 18, you can apply for accommodation through Student Support. Please click on the following links for further information;

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/life/accommodation/how-to-apply/students-with-individual-needs>

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/student/access-and-disability/impairment>

9. EDGE HOTEL SCHOOL STUDENTS – ACCELERATED DEGREE PROGRAMME

9.1. Autumn Term Entry

Edge Hotel School students intending to commence their studies in the Autumn term are guaranteed accommodation, provided you meet the following conditions.

- You apply by the guarantee deadline date
- Applicants must have satisfied any outstanding academic conditions by the required deadline date
- You accept your offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter

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9.2. Spring Term Entry

Edge Hotel School students intending to commence their studies in the Spring term are guaranteed accommodation, provided you meet the following conditions.

- You apply by the guarantee deadline date
- Applicants must have satisfied any outstanding academic conditions by the required deadline date
- You accept your offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter

9.3. Returning Students

Edge Hotel School students studying on a 2 year accelerated degree programmes are guaranteed accommodation, for the duration of your course.

10. HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP STUDENTS

10.1. Full Year Autumn Term Entry

If you are a new, full time apprenticeship student commencing your studies in the autumn term, you are guaranteed accommodation provided you meet the following conditions;

- You need to submit an application for accommodation by the published guarantee deadline date
- You must accept your offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter

10.2. Part Year Apprenticeship Students

A quota of rooms will be made available to new and returning part year apprenticeship students, who will be allocated available rooms, in date order of receipt of application, until all such rooms have been filled, provided you meet the following conditions;

- You submit an application for accommodation by the published guarantee deadline date
- You accept your offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter

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11. POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

If you are a new, full time postgraduate student commencing your studies in the autumn term (including University of Essex Graduates progressing on to postgraduate study), you are guaranteed accommodation provided you meet the following conditions;

- You need to submit an application for accommodation by the published guarantee deadline date
- You accept your offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter. You will also be required to pay a £250.00 advanced rent payment in order to accept your offer

12. PRE-SESSIONAL STUDENTS

It is the intention to accommodate as many pre-sessional students as possible, whilst acknowledging room availability may be limited. Therefore, pre-sessional students will be allocated available rooms in date order of receipt of application until all rooms have been filled. Applicants must accept their offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter.

Every endeavor is made to allocate pre-sessional students into accommodation that will become their term time room when their pre-sessional course has completed and the academic year commences. However, a room move may be necessary.

13. RESIDENTS' LIFE

An allocation of rooms will be provided for student Residents' Assistants in agreement with Resident's Life

14. NIGHTLINE

An allocation of rooms will be provided for student Nightline volunteers.

15. STUDENTS' UNION

An allocation of rooms will be provided for Students' Union SAB Officers.

16. ACADEMIC PARTNERS

Where the provision of accommodation is such that the number of rooms is expected to exceed that required to accommodate all guaranteed and prioritised University of Essex students, a quota of rooms will be provided for students studying University of Essex accredited degrees at partner institutions. This provision will be reviewed annually

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17. SURPLUS ACCOMMODATION

If the University expects to have surplus accommodation after all guaranteed and priority groups are accounted for, the surplus accommodation will be marketed to returning students. If you wish to live in University owned or administered accommodation beyond your first year, you must meet the following conditions;

- You need to submit an application for accommodation by the published returning student deadline date
- You must accept your offer of accommodation by the offer expiry date given in the accommodation offer letter. You will also be required to pay a £250.00 advanced rent payment in order to accept your offer.
- You must not have any outstanding accommodation debt prior to your new tenancy commencing.

Offers will be made in order of application date, until all surplus accommodation has been allocated and accepted.

18. WAITING LIST

All students will be able to apply to the waiting list. Priority will be given in the following order:

- Welfare/Medical Need
- New full time overseas undergraduate and new full time overseas postgraduate students
- New full time Home/EU undergraduate and new full time Home/EU postgraduate students
- New part year students
- Returning study abroad (including Erasmus+) students and work placement abroad students
- All other work placement students
- Returning full time overseas undergraduate and returning full time overseas postgraduate students
- Returning full time Home/EU undergraduate, returning full time Home/EU postgraduate and returning full time apprenticeship students
- Returning part year students
- Continuation and Completion students.